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Employment Opportunities with the City of Belmont

New job opportunity Posted

Recreation Supervisor

Accountant I/II/III

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| Sept 1 | Planning Commission Meeting |
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Executive Summary

Council Approves Public Outreach Process for Modernizing - Residential Development Standards and Tree Regulations

The City has been working on providing homeowners with a more streamlined, affordable and predictable approval process for those owners who would like to improve their single family homes. This effort was initiated in March 2014, and after more than a year of concentrated evaluation, significant public input, and numerous public meetings, modifications have been identified in the following general categories:

- Single Family Design Review Standards, General Regulations and Definitions
- Tree Protection Updates
- Parking Regulations
- Secondary Dwelling Unit Requirements
- Maximum Building Floor Area

At the August 24th Council Meeting, the Council determined that they were seeking additional public outreach for the residential development standards and tree regulations project as follows:

Notification. A citywide mailer would be sent to all single family residential households within the city. This mailer will include a basic description of the proposed amendments, schedule, and information on how to obtain more detailed information (i.e., city website and contact phone numbers) and how to stay involved.

Website & Social Media. Evaluate and enhance the City's website, and leverage social media for updates and details about the modifications. The schedule will be kept current, a dedicated email address will be provided for questions or comments to staff, answers to frequently ask questions (FAQs) will be posted.

Community Engagement Workshop. Community Engagement Workshops (minimum of 2) will be scheduled where residents will be provided with information regarding the proposed modifications and they will have the opportunity to dialogue and provide feedback. A staff presentation will include a discussion of why the ordinances are proposed for modification, what provisions are proposed for modification, and how these modifications could be achieved (implemented). A facilitator will work with attendees to review and comment on the proposed modifications. Staff and the facilitator will also answer questions and collect public feedback.

Commission Meetings. Public Hearings before the Planning and Parks & Recreation Commissions, as applicable; it is anticipated that hearing review could occur by category. Commissions will provide recommendations to the City Council on the proposed amendments. In addition, individual notification will be provided to those that request it (email notification recommended).

Next Steps for Residential Development Standards and Tree Regulations

The exact timing for the project will be dependent on how the categories are grouped, and revisions that may occur during the process. In addition, some review categories may move quicker than others, so Public Hearings could be occurring for some categories while other categories are still under review (i.e., the overall process for all of the ordinance amendments may not be linear). In general terms, the process will ideally occur as follows:

1. Mailing flyer and updating website – (September/October 2015)
2. Community Engagement Workshop – (October/November 2015)
3. Planning/Parks and Recreation Commissions & City Council Hearings – (Fall 2015/Early 2016)
4. Completion of modifications - (Early 2016)

The City will continue to update its website with information as it becomes available. Please stay tuned and stay involved.



Please use the link below to view the current amended ordinances under consideration or just go to the Community Development Department's homepage on the City's website at www.Belmont.gov for more information.

2014 Residential Zoning and Tree Ordinance Amendments

(This page will be updated as more information becomes available)

For more information contact:

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- Carlos de Melo, Com. Development Director, (650) 595-7440 cdemelo@belmont.gov

Chili Cook-Off Benefiting MDA

Belmont Fire Department personnel will be participating in the San Mateo Firefighters Association's Annual Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, August 29th from 11am-5pm. The event will be held at San Mateo Central Park located at 50 East 5th Avenue and proceeds of the event benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Come support your local firefighters in this fun and worth-while event.





Parks and Recreation



Daytime Monthly Dances at Twin Pines Center Growing

On Friday, August 14, the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center had a record number of 90 guests come in to participate in the "Under the Sea" Daytime Dance with the Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band. Guests got to freely enjoy wonderful music, friendly company and delicious food prepared by the chefs at Silverado Senior Living, who was the sponsor of this month's dance, and also brought some of their residents to participate. The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center has developed partnerships with multiple agencies in the Peninsula who will be providing each of the monthly dances. September's "Hot Latin Days" with the Luna Latina band will be sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living of Belmont; October's "Halloween Spooktacular" will be sponsored by Nazareth Vista; November's "Dancing with the Stars" will be sponsored by Top Move Management, and December's "Winter Gala" will be sponsored by Homecare Professionals Inc.

Crafts Group Celebrate

The Craft Group celebrated Sue and Marcia, two long-time member's birthdays with a small potluck. The Craft Group is an integral part of the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Volunteers create lovely items, from cards to Giants scarves, to sell in the display cabinet year-round, as well as during the Holiday Craft Faire, and all the proceeds go to the Senior Fund at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. We would like to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work year-round, as well as their welcoming and friendly dispositions.



CHP Driver Safety Seminar

On Tuesday, August 25th, the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center held the bi-annual Driver Safety seminar hosted by volunteers from the California Highway Patrol. From 9:30-1pm, about 48 older adults were helped to take control of their driving future and stay on the road longer.

Parks and City Building Maintenance

Parks maintenance staff handled multiple irrigation breaks this week. The water supply line for the bathrooms in the Redwood Picnic Area at Twin Pines Park was repaired quickly and no rentals were adversely affected. At Barrett Community Center, a corroded irrigation pipe that supplies the sports field sprung a leak. The corroded components were replaced with new parts and the water was restored.

Multiple dead and decayed trees were removed at various locations including O'Donnell Park and Hallmark Drive. These trees were cut down and removed yet continue to serve a useful purpose. The trees are put through the wood chipper and recycled as groundcover mulch, which serves to retain soil moisture in landscaped areas and add to the aesthetic value of the landscape.



After a summer of rentals and camp use, the meadow and lawn in the Buckeye Picnic Area in Twin Pines was renovated and reseeded. The process involves aeration of the soil and dethatching of the dead lawn.



The meadow was then seeded and topdressed with a fine redwood soil amendment that acts as a topper that retains moisture and warmth for seed germination. In addition, the redwood soil amendment adds nutrients to the soil. With favorable weather conditions it won't be long before the meadow and Buckeye Picnic lawns are healthy again!

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A photograph showing two deer standing in a yard. In the background, there is a house with a blue roof and green trees. A large tree trunk is visible on the right side of the frame. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.



Traffic Operations

- Performed weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Conducted visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners 2 Down, 1 Up
- Reset roadway delineators on Island parkway
- Installed 5 new signs on Buena Vista
- Fabricated 8 new signs
- Picked up 20 barricades/sand bags from Buena Vista
- Delivered and picked up 6 barricades on Laurel Avenue for block party
- Posted "No Parking" signs at City Hall for Red Cross blood drive
- Unloaded street light pole delivery
- Monitored traffic signal at Ralston Avenue and Sixth Avenue
- Installed 8 LED lantern style street lights
- Responded to Mid-Peninsula water break and disconnected street light
- Evaluated utility locating instruments
- Trimmed tree to improve sight distance in 1 location
- Re-spliced faulty wiring at 1 street light

Annual City-Wide Red Curb Painting

The Department of Public Works is currently conducting the annual city-wide red curb painting of existing red curb in residential neighborhoods. Repainting will be performed in scheduled sections of the city and will continue until the repainting is complete.



******Please note:** depending on the section "boundary", your property may be in one section and your neighbor in another, therefore the red curb repainting will happen on a different day. For further information, you may contact the Public Works Department at 650-595-7425.



Streets Division

- Marked out 28 Underground Service Alert tags
- Compacted the base and put down 7 tons of hot asphalt concrete in 2 lifts and compacted with the roller
- Put down 3.5 tons of hot asphalt concrete in 2 lifts compacted with the roller
- Oiled patch and put down 4 tons of hot asphalt in front of 810 Covington Road
- Marked out 5 Underground Service Alerts for upcoming digouts
- Dug out 3.41 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2004 Monroe Avenue (*Pictured below*)
- Dug out 6.20 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2001 Monroe Avenue (*Pictured below*)



Asphalt repair work on Monroe Avenue



Storm Division

- Performed twice-weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Swept 156 curb miles resulting in the collection of 11.49 tons of debris collected
- Video inspected 2,821 feet of storm line
- Inspected 90 Drain Inlets
- Inspected 67 Storm Manholes
- Replaced 6 "No Dumping, Flows to Bay" placards
- Attended San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program Trash Committee Meeting in Millbrae to learn more about reporting standards enforced by the State Water Board
- Responded to vehicle rollover accident which resulted in a hydraulic fluid spill. Blocked the gutter and applied absorbent upstream of nearest drain inlet, making sure no material was able to reach waterways (*Pictured below*)

- Cleared large tree from the roadway on Desvio Way (*Pictured below*)



Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 17 service calls
- Checked and emptied 10 city garbage cans throughout the city
- Jetted (cleaned) 5,228 feet of sewer main
- Performed video inspection on 634 feet of sewer pipe
- Videoed 1 new private service lateral to city main wye connection
- Logged daily onsite pump runtime hours at all pump stations
- Closed 87 sewer related work orders in Hansen
- Compiled a sewer main in need of repair list, for next sewer repair project
- Cleaned debris catcher at Ralston Ranch pump station (*Pictured below*)



- Staff assisted with Illicit discharge cleanup from overturned cement truck on North Rd at Williams St. (Pictured below)



Overturned cement truck North Rd. / Williams St.





California Coastal Cleanup Day-Belmont Creeks to Bay

This year's Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day-Belmont Creeks to Bay is just around the corner. Join your friends, neighbors and other organizations as we cleanup Belmont's waterways for this not-to-be-missed event! **Saturday, September 19th from 9:00am to Noon @ One Twin Pines Lane.**



has donated gift cards for a **FREE TACO** during this cleanup event, and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

SAVE WATER AND PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

Enter your name in the Rain Barrel Raffle that will be held during the event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Cleanup Volunteers: Please sign up **[HERE](#)**

Event Staff Volunteers: Please contact Diane Lynn @ **dlynn@belmont.gov** or 595-7425.



JOIN OVER 60,000 CALIFORNIANS AS WE COME TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP OUR STATE'S BEACHES AND WATERWAYS

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015



From 9AM to NOON | For more information visit COASTALCLEANUPDAY.ORG or call (800) COAST-4U



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Community Calendars

Belmont Public Library

SEPTEMBER 2015

At the Belmont Library
<http://www.facebook.com/smcblbelmont>

Belmont Library
 A SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARY
 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002 • 650.591.8286 • www.smcbl.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages	1 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club * 6:00p Reel Shorts Film Project Kick-off Class * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library	2 * 10:30a Comp Class: Facebook * 3:30p Teen Gaming/Study Hall * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wednesday Book Group: <i>Another Great Day at Sea</i>	3 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground 	4 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	5 * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
6 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	7 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	8 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club * 6:30p Documentary Film Club: <i>The Fog of War</i>	9 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 12:00p Author Visit with S.K. Kalsi * 3:30p Teen Gaming/Study Hall * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	10 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 2:00p Mystery Book Grp: <i>Breaking Creed</i> * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 6:30p Pub Trivia	11 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	12 * 10:30a Comp Class: Genealogy 101 * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 1:00p Digitize Your Photos
13	14 * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 12:00p Author Visit With Cara Nicoletti * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Teen Cooking 	15 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales	16 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming/Study Hall * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group * 7:00p Financial Planning Workshop * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	17 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground	18 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	19 * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
20 Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month! * 3:00p Cubop Express in Concert	21 * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 12:00p Senior Health Talk * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Quote-A-Long: <i>Pitch Perfect</i>	22 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club * National Voter Registration Day 	23 * 10:30a Computer Class: Skype * 3:30p Teen Gaming/Study Hall * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 8:00p New SAT Strategies	24 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground	25 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Adult Film: <i>Chinatown</i>	26 * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
27 * 2:00p Chinese Bilingual ST * 3:00p Mid Autumn Festival	28 * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p TAG Meeting * 7:00p College Application Essay Writing Workshop	29 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club	30 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming/Study Hall * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p Be Your Own Boss Workshop	Join us at Belmont's Off-the-Grid On Monday the 28th 		